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Mr. Sidney P. Noe, Lib'n
American Numismatic Society
New York City

My dear Mr. Noe:

In response to the question -- "Would you rather have one good national union list of serials or a shelf full of local union lists?" -- the replies of some fifty large libraries were unanimously in favor of the National Union List.

The National Union List of Serials is now being compiled and published by The Wilson Company with the cooperation of an advisory committee of the American Library Association. The plan of publication is as follows:

A list of important titles is to be compiled from existing union lists, the file of Library of Congress cards and other available sources. This preliminary list is to be printed with a space following each entry in which the larger libraries will check their holdings, adding other titles which they recommend for inclusion. When the checking lists have been returned, a "Provisional Edition" will be printed showing the holdings of the cooperating libraries. This edition will serve as a basis of exchange and as a want list. It is expected that during the period between the printing of this edition and the final edition libraries will be able to complete many sets either by purchase or exchange. Before printing the final edition libraries will be asked to return corrected copies of the provisional edition showing changes that have been made in their holdings. The corrected and permanent edition will then be printed. The entire list will probably include between forty and fifty thousand titles.

Many special libraries have important serials not found in university and public libraries. Since this is a national list we ask your help in making it a complete record, so far as is possible, of the resources of American libraries.

There are two ways in which this may be done. We can send you the monthly list to be checked. This would mean reading thru hundreds of titles not in your library -- and at last probably adding the rarer ones because the titles may be unknown to us. The other way is for you to prepare for us on cards, if you will, a record of your serials not generally found in larger libraries.

If this plan meets your approval we will assign you a symbol, as we have all the other cooperating libraries, and add your holdings to the others in the provisional edition. Please write us whether or not you will cooperate, and which plan you like best. The first section covering the letters A-A1 is just off the press. We can send you a copy of this showing the form of entry we are using.

May we hear from you soon, as we are anxious to include your holdings in our first section?

Yours very truly

Winifred Gregory
Editor: National Union List of Serials

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To the Librarian:

Under this cover we enclose the first two sections of the checking edition of the National Union List of Serials. You will find the plan of publication on the inside cover.

You have probably been in touch with the development of the List, but we have not secured your cooperation. The Committee feels that the value of your collection will make the addition of its resources to those of the other important libraries of the country of great value.

We hope to print the provisional edition, covering these sections in time for the Saratoga Springs meeting of the A.L.A. This will show the holdings of the cooperating libraries, and we should like to make it representative and a fair sample of what the completed work will be. We send them in the hope that you will experiment with us at least to the extent of checking these two sections. There is of course no financial obligation.

The time available is so short that it is very important that we know at once whether or not you will contribute to this plan. The first section should be returned to us by June 1st, the second by June 10th, together with any additional titles which you recommend for inclusion. In view of this we are assigning you the symbol which will designate your library. **NNAN**

If you wish for another copy for your own files, we shall be glad to supply it.

Yours very truly

WINIFRED GREGORY

May 22nd, 1924

Miss Winifred Gregory
National Union List of Serials
958 University Avenue, New York

Dear Madam:

In response to your circular letter, this library will be glad to co-operate in your National Union List of Serials. I am returning the first two sections.

Our periodicals are not numerous, but I believe they are of a nature not likely to be duplicated in many other libraries and, therefore, I am the more willing to co-operate.

To simplify the task of your Staff, I have attached to the cover a list of the periodicals we have which are checked on your list.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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May 23, 1924

Mr. Sydney P. Noe
American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th and 156th Sts.
New York City

My dear Mr. Noe:

We have received your checking and thank you for your cordial response to our letter.

Considering the limited number of periodicals in your collection and their special nature, would it not be better for you to send in your titles and holdings on cards rather than to check the entire list? This method would seem to be simpler for you and would have the advantage of enabling us to include your titles, some of which we would not find elsewhere, in our checking edition.

We will hold adding your name to the mailing list receiving monthly copies of the checking edition until we have your answer to this letter.

Yours very truly,

Winifred Gregory

May 24th, 1924

Miss Winifred Gregory
National Union List of Serials
958 University Avenue, New York

Dear Madam:

Responding to yours of May 23rd, the suggestion which you make is one which I considered proposing myself, but hesitated lest it might complicate your checking system.

Will you mail me, please, one of the covers giving the rules for entries, and I will have a list of our periodicals prepared for you as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Librarian and Secretary

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May 27, 1924

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My dear Mr. Noe:

We have your letter of May 24th and are very glad you approve of our suggestion. There are no rules for entries except that the form of entry used in the List, of which you have a copy, is that which should be followed.

Yours very truly,

Winifred Gregory

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June 3rd, 1924

Miss Winifred Gregory
National Union List of Serials
958 University Avenue, New York

Dear Madam:

Referring to yours of May 27th, I take
pleasure in enclosing a list of periodicals
in our library. I shall be glad to
answer any questions regarding these in
case the information is ~~not~~ inadequate.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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June 5, 1924

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My dear Mr. Noe:

We have received your list of serials and thank you
very much for this useful material. We would appreciate
it if you would keep us informed as to any further
purchases of serials that your library may make.

Yours very truly,

Winifred Gregory

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Emery, Mr. Thos J.

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